

**§ 95.175 Cooperation in sharing channels.**

The station operator must cooperate in *sharing* each channel with station operators of other stations by:

- (a) Monitoring the channel before initiating transmissions;
- (b) Waiting until ongoing communications are completed before initiating transmissions;
- (c) Engaging in only permissible communications (see § 95.181); and
- (d) Limiting transmissions to the minimum practicable transmission time.

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**§ 95.177 Responsibility for station operator's communications.**

The licensee is responsible for all communications made by station operators in the GMRS system. (The licensee should be certain every station operator understands and complies with these Rules.)

**§ 95.179 Individuals who may be station operators.**

(a) An individual GMRS system licensee may permit his/her immediate family members living in the same household to be station operators in his/her GMRS system. They may communicate messages about the licensee's personal activities and about the licensee's business activities. *Immediate family members* are the:

- (1) Licensee;
- (2) Licensee's spouse;
- (3) Licensee's children, grandchildren, stepchildren;
- (4) Licensee's parents, grandparents, stepparents;
- (5) Licensee's brothers, sisters;
- (6) Licensee's aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews; and
- (7) Licensee's in-laws.

(b) In a GMRS system licensed to a non-individual, eligible station operators are limited to the persons listed in paragraph (b)(1) of this section with the conditions listed in paragraph (b)(2) of this section as follows:

(1) Only the following persons may be permitted to operate under the authority of a GMRS system licensed to a non-individual:

If the GMRS system licensee is—	These persons may be station operators—
(i) A partnership .....	Licensee's partners and employees.
(ii) A corporation .....	Licensee's officers, directors, members and employees.
(iii) An association .....	Licensee's members and employees.
(iv) A governmental unit ...	Licensee's employees.

(2) These persons may only communicate messages about the licensee's business activities. Employees of the licensee may communicate messages while acting within the scope of their employment, and only about the licensee's business activities.

(c) The licensee may permit a telephone answering service employee to be a station operator if:

(1) That employee only communicates messages received for the licensee to the licensee;

(2) The station equipment at the telephone answering point is not shared in any other GMRS system; and

(3) The station at the telephone answering service point is not interconnected to the public switched telephone network.

(d) The station operator of a GMRS system licensed to an individual may be a station operator in any other GMRS system if he/she has permission from the licensee of the other GMRS system.

(e) The provisions of § 95.33 regarding cooperative use do not apply to or govern the authority of a GMRS licensee to designate station operators in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(f) Except for emergency communications (see § 95.143), only persons specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) may be GMRS station operators.

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**§ 95.181 Permissible communications.**

(a) A station operator for an individual who is licensed in the GMRS (other than an employee of that individual) may communicate two-way voice messages concerning the licensee's personal or business activities (see § 95.179).

(b) [Reserved]